

AL-III-C-124

Prosperity United Methodist Church
Pleasant Valley Road
near Rocky Gap State Park
1893

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Prosperity United Methodist Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Pleasant Valley Road

CITY, TOWN

Pleasant Valley — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Methodist Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route 2

CITY, TOWN

Flintstone — VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21530

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 80
Folio #: 384

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE
Maryland 21502**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Prosperity United Methodist Church is located on the western side of Pleasant Valley Road at Rocky Gap State Park.

This church consists on a rectangular frame building with germansiding. It rests on a high foundation of coursed ashlar stone with a plain water table. The gable front roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Eaves consist of box cornice, sloped soffit, and bedmould. Wall features include cornerboards and a decorative triangular vent later on the east. A replaced cinderblock chimney is located outside end.

The original entrance is obscured by the added vestibule, which has double doors with decorative moulding. Windows are triangular headed with three stained glass lights and wooden lugsills. The frame vestibule with germansiding is gabled.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1893

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Prosperity United Methodist Church, located in northeastern Allegany County, was built in 1893.⁽¹⁾ The deed says that the property was bought "for (the) erecting of a place of Divine Worship".⁽²⁾

Methodism has always been a strong force in the county. In the last quarter of the 19th century nearly half of the county's churches were Methodist.⁽³⁾

This church is an example of the simple, utilitarian style of building and stands as a reminder of the importance of religion in Allegany County.

(1) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 73, Folio 666

(2) Ibid

(3) Harry Stegmaier, et al. Allegany County- A History (Parsons, W.Va.: McClain Printing Co.) P-248

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 Acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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ORGANIZATION

DATE

Allegany County Historic Site Survey

April 9, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

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777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Cumberland

Maryland 21502

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

Prosperity United Methodist Church
AL-111-C-124
Pleasant Valley Road

Allegany County Deed: Liber 80, Folio 384
Grantee: Trustees of the Methodist Church
of Prosperity
Grantor: George W. Dart
Notes: Parcel of ground adjacent to 73/666

Date: August 25, 1896

Consideration: \$1.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 73 Folio 666
Grantee: Trustees of the Methodist Church of Prosperity
Grantor: George W. Dart

Date: May 20, 1893

Consideration: \$1.00

INVENTORY NO:

DATE:

8/23

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY:

Prosperity United Methodist church

LOCATION OF PROPERTY:

Pleasant Valley Rd.

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES:

EAST

NAME OF OWNER:

Map # 6 Methodist Church 2801-384 no acreage p 34

ADDRESS:

ph. #

STORIES: 1($\frac{1}{2}$) 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1(1) 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: none

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ☒ FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
☐ BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
☐ STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
☐ LOG
☐ OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others

cornerboards

FOUNDATIONS:

High, Low, Brick, Stone

coursed stone ashlar

WATER TABLE:

None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS:

3 stained glass on N & S - plain frame painted dark wood lugs
 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
 pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS:

LOCATION:

center curtain faced

HARDWARE:

original() replaced()

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

double original door within vestibule

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES:

(crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original() replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt;

original() replaced()

PORCHES:

SHAPE OF ROOF -

shed() hip() gable()

vestibule

CHIMNEYS:

Number: 1

Brick()

Stone()

Corbeled()

original() replaced()

Location: Flush end()

Inside end()

Outside end()

Central()

Interior()

ARCHES:

Door & Windows:

Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

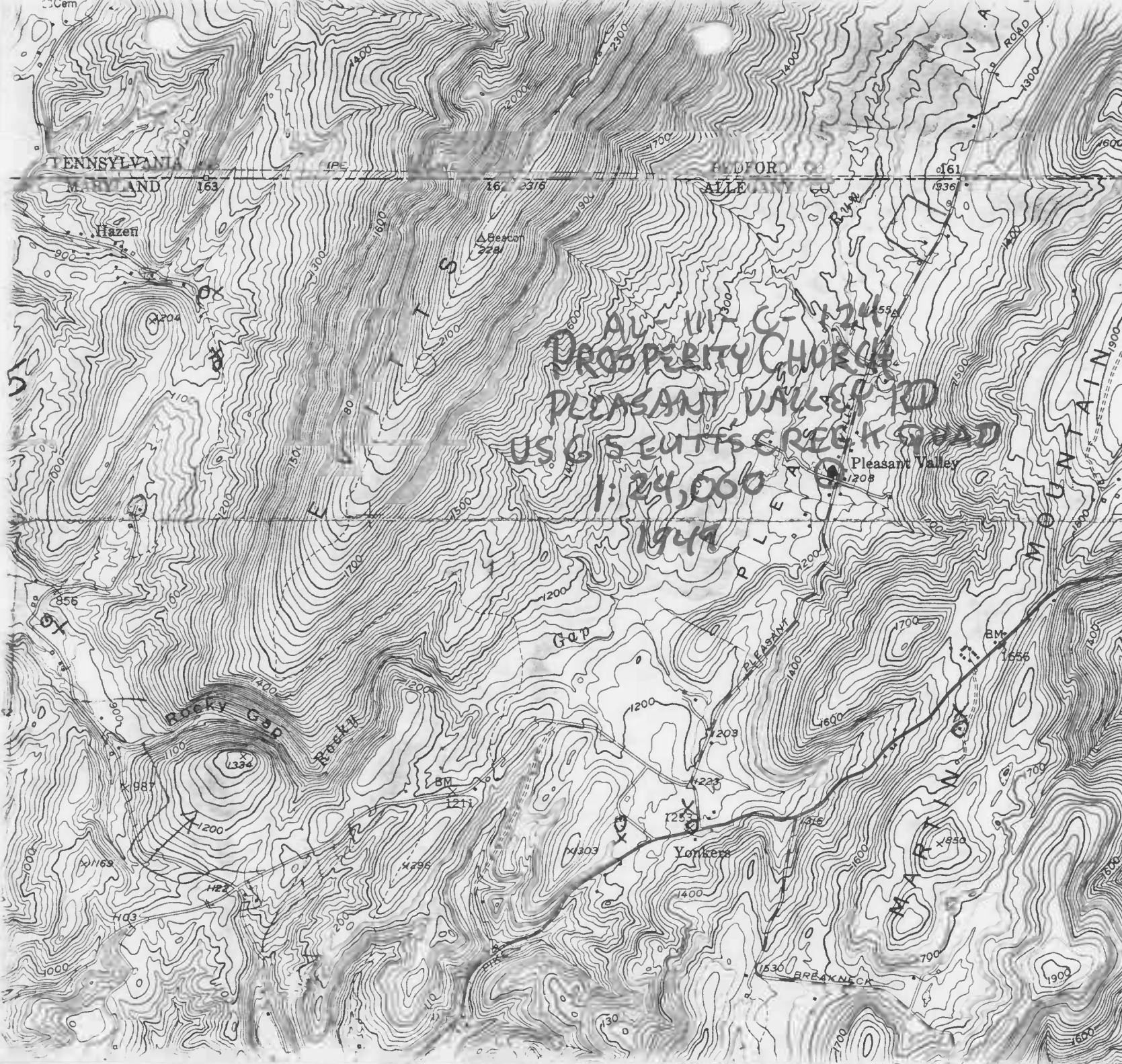
USE:

SIGNIFICANCE:

DATE CONSTRUCTED:

CONDITION:

shingle based - 5 steeples w/ louvered ventilators
 peaked shingled roof, cross.
 vertical board rear entrance



TENNESSEE

MARYLAND

W. VA.

AL-11-C-124
PROSPERITY CHURCH
PLEASANT VALLEY RD
US 65 CUTTS CREEK ROAD
1:24,000
1944

4400

4399

4398

42'30"

ELIMINATOR 3.1 MI
HAGERSTOWN 56 MI

4396

STONE
11 NE



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Prosperity Church
Pleasant Valley Rd

David A. Dorsey

8/23/78

Northwest